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GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE NEW CABINET.

Latest reports from London respecting the transformation of the Cabinet are as follows: Mr. Morley will continue as Secretary of State for India. Sir Henry H. Fowler, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, remains in his present position, and will be created a peer. Lord Tweedmouth is to be Lord President of the Privy Council in place of the Earl of Crewe, who will become Colonial Secretary. Mr. Lloyd George, President of the Board of Trade, will supersede Mr. Asquith as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr. McKenna, Minister of Education, becomes First Lord of the Admiralty, his vacant office being taken by Mr. Runciman, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board. Other appointments are: Mr. J. E. Seely, Under Secretary for the Colonies; Lord Lucas, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office; Mr. F. D. Acland, Financial Secretary to the War Office; Mr. T. R. Buchanan, Parliamentary Secretary to the India Office.

A later telegram states Mr. John Morley has been raised to the peerage and, therefore, vacates his seat in the House of Commons for Montrose. Mr. Winston Churchill also resigns his seat for Manchester, on being appointed to his new office of President of the Board of Trade, but has offered himself for re-election.

THE LOSS OF THE "TIGER."

The Naval Court Martial held in connection with the disastrous collision between H. M. S. "Berwick" and "Tiger," which resulted in the loss of the latter vessel and 36 lives, has pronounced its verdict, acquitting the officers and men of both ships from all blame and ascribing the accident to the circumstance that the "Tiger" had altered her course, for some reason that was not clearly apparent from the evidence adduced.

POISONOUS PHOSPHORUS.

A deputation representing the principal match manufacturers of Great Britain and Ireland waited on the Home Secretary last week, and asked for legislation to prohibit entirely the use of white or yellow phosphorus in the manufacture of matches. It was pointed out as a curious anomaly that while countries like Norway and Sweden prevented the sale of white phosphorus matches in their own territories, they allowed the export of such matches to other countries, including England. Of course, a corollary of the prohibition of the manufacture of white phosphorus matches in Great Britain would be the prohibition of the importation of any such matches from other countries, not as a matter of Protection, but simply as a matter of health.

IRELAND'S DWINDLING POPULATION.

The gradual depopulation of Ireland through emigration is revealed in the Annual Report on Irish Emigration just issued as a Parliamentary Paper. During 1907 the number of persons who emigrated from Ireland was 39,082, showing an increase of 3,738 on the previous year. The emigrants comprised 21,124 males and 17,958 females. As many as 83.9 per cent of the emigrants were between the ages of 15 and 35. Since 1851, the number of people who have emigrated from Ireland is 4,103,015, or only 274,041 less than the present population of the island.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

BANQUET TO PROFESSOR KOCH.

The German Medical Society of New York gave a grand banquet on Sunday in honour of Professor Koch, which was attended by many eminent representatives of German and American science. Next to Professor Koch at the table sat Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Dr. Beck, the President of the Society read a letter from the German Ambassador conveying the German Emperor's sincere pleasure at hearing that Mr. Carnegie had given 500,000 marks to the Koch Institution, a gift which would be applied to the furtherance of German science and for which the Ambassador was charged to express the Emperor's warmest thanks to the donor. Mr.

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Carnegie, in the course of a long speech, said he was confident that Germans, Englishmen, and Americans would always cooperate in works which had for their object the world's peace and the benefit of humanity. He lauded the services of Dr. Koch, and emphatically declared that he himself would give millions to possess an adequate knowledge of the German language. Professor Koch was the last speaker; he thanked Mr. Carnegie and all who were present at the banquet, said that the institution bearing his name was designed to accomplish great results in combating tuberculosis, and concluded by proposing three cheers for Mr. Carnegie.

TERROR IN NICARAGUA.

The Kingston (Jamaica) correspondent of the New York Herald cables that a reign of terror prevails in Nicaragua. Executions are being carried out on a wholesale scale, and it is reported that no fewer than 80 persons have been shot within the past few days, by order of President Zelaya.

Exact details of the situation are extremely difficult to obtain at present, but there can be no doubt that affairs have reached a crisis.

APPALLING FIRE IN BOSTON SUBURB.

A telegram from Boston (Mass.) despatched at 5 p. m. on Sunday, states that a great fire broke out at Chelsea, a suburb of Boston, on Sunday morning, and up to the time of cabling 250 houses had been destroyed, but the fire was not then under control. The material damage already done is enormous, but luckily no fatalities are reported.

Several beautiful public buildings, historic churches, factories, business houses and hundreds of dwellings have been gutted, says a later report. The damage already done will amount to seven or ten million dollars. Four people have so far lost their lives, and some fifty sustained injuries. Ten thousand people have been rendered homeless, but a committee of help has been formed to provide them with food and clothing.

THE GOULD-SAGAN ROMANCE.

The Gould-Sagan romance, says a New York cable, continues to excite considerable interest there, and to form one of the chief topics in the newspapers. On Saturday, however, the New York World got ahead of its competitors with a report that the Prince and Mdme. Anna Gould had been secretly married.

The World states that the couple fled into New Jersey by automobile in order to escape the reporters, and were then quietly wedded. It is believed, according to this report, that the Prince and his wife sailed for Europe on Saturday by the "Friedrich der Grosse," on which they had booked passages under the names of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman. It is stated that their baggage was already on board the liner, and that the Prince's servants had previously gone on board.

STANDARD OIL BANNED IN TENNESSEE.

According to a Nashville telegram, the Supreme Court of Tennessee has forbidden the Standard Oil Company to pursue business operations within the State boundaries.

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